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Photo reconnaissance in February 1955 indicated the new construction of two powerful radio installations (50-150 kw) approximately two miles apart in the area across the Min River from Foochow. The directional antennas of these installations point toward northern Formosa. Air Force evaluation of these antenna structures indicates that the stations will operate in the medium frequency range (radio broadcasting). FBID states that they have not been heard in operation to date.

Recent incomplete information, from a similar source, indicates a similar radio installation under construction in the Amoy area.

S/COM Comment: The elaborate installations and high power of these stations indicate probable multi-purpose operation. When operable, they could be used for the following purposes:

1. Propaganda broadcasts to Formosa.
2. Jamming of foreign broadcasts .

(it is not believed that they will be capable of jamming the high and very high frequency military nets).

3. A variety of military and naval purposes, including coordination of amphibious operations, communication with submarines, and broadcasting of other military information and instructions.

Although it would be difficult to jam these stations effectively when employed in direction of amphibious operations, their size and location near the coast renders them vulnerable to air attack.

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